Expresses 'Awe' for Agents

'FBI' Star Scores 'Permissiveness'

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Efrem Zimbalist Jr., who plays an FBI official on television, received a standing ovation from real FBI agents and employees yesterday after a speech here decrying the "wave of permissiveness now sweeping the country."

Zimbalist, star of the TV series "The FBI," voiced the wish that the "love-children, whose see-saw has a seat for rights but not for responibilities, could appreciate or even understand" the FBI's selflessness and dedication to "country, humanity and God."

After his talk at the 21st annual FBI mass and communion breakfast, the 46-year-old Hollywood actor was besieged by young women FBI employees and employees' daughters, and signed autographs for more than 40 minutes.

About 750 FBI agents, other employees, family members and friends attended the 9 a.m. mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral and then walked to the nearby Mayflower Hotel for communion breakfast in the main ballroom.

After a meal that included orange juice, ham and eggs and fried potatoes, the real FBI men and women heard Zimbalist, who plays the fictional inspector Lewis Erskine, express his "awe and admiration" for them.

They also heard him link "excessive permissiveness" to the rise of "freak-out advocates" of campus anarchy, "acid-tongued hatemongers" both black and white, Promoters of guerrilla warfare and "drug-oriented cultists" who "desecrate our flag" and "defile our . . . institutions."

Never before, he asserted, has the nation been more committed to "rewarding able-bodied renegades who won't work," more "craven" in punishing law breakers or "more timid in reacting to the extortionate demands of self-serving pressure groups and divisive demagogues."

Zimbalist also quoted Thomas Jefferson, FBI director J. Edgar Hoover and the late Francis Cardinal Spellman in emphasizing the importance of God and religion in maintaining freedom.

D.C. Fireman Hurt in Fray, 3 Suspended

A Washington fireman was seriously injured Saturday night when he fell and struck his head during a fist fight at Engine Company 2 at 719 12th St., NW., Fire Chief Hugh A. Groves said. Groves suspended three firemen pending an investigation of the incident.

Pvt. Joseph R. Griscuolo, 29, of 4105 71st Ave., Landover Hills, Md., yesterday was listed in critical condition with head injuries at George Washington University Hospital.

Griscuolo fell in the firehouse kitchen during a fight with two other firemen, Groves said. The fight was allegedly the result of an argument that started during a game of table tennis earlier in the day.

Groves suspended Pvts. David C. Riggs, 24, of Rte. 2, Lothian, Md., and John Bulman, 28, of 7503 Jaywick Ave., Oxon Hill, the two men who were fighting, and Capt. William H. Casey, 46, of 6207 Raine Dr., Clinton, who was in charge of the firehouse at the time of the incident.

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Efrem Zimbalist Jr. makes a point at the FBI breakfast.